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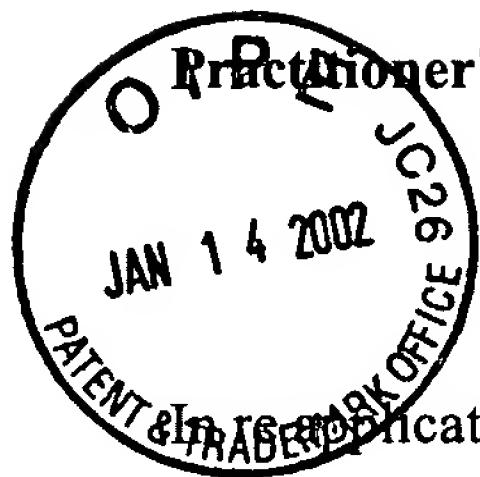
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2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)
3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
4. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
5. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
6. Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items (Optional)
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Section 1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

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Section 3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449) accompany this information statement.

Section 4. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language List Information Items

1. DE 295,837, invented by H. Basse, published 06/19/1912:

This patent teaches the construction of a door strengthened by cross-members.

2. EP 0 468 949 A1, invented by J. Wolf, published 06/26/1991:

This patent appears to teach the construction of the walls of a building from building frames, some of which are diagonally braced.

3. FR 2 599 408, invented by J. Rubat, published 12/04/1987:

This patent appears to teach the construction of at least the walls of a building from building frames.

Section 5. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents

Submitted herewith is an English translation of the following foreign language patents, publications or information or of those portions of those patents, publications or information considered to be material:

1. DE259837, invented by H. Basse, published by June 19, 1912.

(Please see the attached copy of the English translation)

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**PATENT**
No. 259837**cl. 37d. Group 18**

Heinrich Hermann Basse
in Mühle Holtensen near Weetzen, Hann.

Stiffening Cross for Doors and Other Wood Boards

Patented in Germany from June 19, 1912 on

To prevent buckling and deformation of doors and other wood boards, plane crosses were inlaid into the door. According to this invention, the stiffening cross should not be plane; rather, its arms must slope into the door surface.

Drawing 1 shows a stiffened door, according to this invention, without a frame. Drawing 2 shows a cut in the A-B plane. Drawings 3 and 4 show details of the crossover of the two arms.

The stiffening of the door or board is brought about by fitting the two crossing beams into the door and into the corners of a frame, while a filling piece is inserted at the crossover at point *a* to serve as an expansion wedge.

Claim:

A stiffening cross for doors and other wood boards characterized in that the strengthening is due to two cross beams encased in the corners of a frame while a filling piece at the crossover serves as an expansion wedge.

Section 6. Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items

Applicant would like to call the examiner's attention to the following listed references:

U.S. Patent 1,849,273;

U.S. Patent 6,158,184;

U.S. Patent 6,244,004;

AU 549,294; and

AU 715517

also:

1. US Patent No. 2,191,804, issued on February 27, 1940, invented by A.F. O'Malley, was previously submitted as a prior art reference on August 6, 1998, under the incorrect patent number of 2,191,904. Applicant is hereby submitting the same reference again with the correct information as listed in form PTO/SB/08A.
2. US Patent No. 4,037,381, issued on July 26, 1977, invented by F. Charles, was previously submitted as a prior art reference on August 6, 1998, under the incorrect patent number of 4,037,281. Applicant is hereby submitting the same reference again with the correct information as listed in form PTO/SB/08A.
3. Breyer, Donald E., Design of Wood Structures, 1993, Chapter 3, § § 3.1, 3.3, 3.4 and Chapter 10 was previously submitted as a prior art reference on March 27, 2000. Applicant is hereby submitting additional Chapters of the same book listed as follows: Chapters 8, 9, 11 and § § 12.1 and 12.9 of Chapter 12.

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		Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc. Catalogue, "Handbook of Structural Designs & Load Values," Strong-Tie Timber Connectors (2pgs), (September 20, 1978).	
		DONALD E. BREYER, "Design of Wood Structures," 3rd ed., McGraw-Hill, Inc., (100 pgs), (December 20, 1993).	

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